

Fallen EOD

TSgt Anthony C. Campbell

TSgt Anthony C. Campbell, Jr., an Explosive Ordnance Disposal technician, died Dec. 15, 2009, of wounds suffered from the detonation of an improvised explosive device in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Three other EOD Airmen were injured in the detonation.

TSgt Campbell, 35, was forward deployed from the 380th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron and was assigned to the 932 CES, Scott AFB, Ill.

"TSgt Campbell's efforts, and those of his teammates, were — and are — invaluable to the thousands of Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen who continue to serve in harm's way — and I dare say we will never know how many lives he and his comrades have saved as a result of their courageous and selfless efforts," said Col William H. Edward, Jr., commander of 932nd Airlift Wing.

Col Williams spoke at a January 9, 2010, memorial service at Scott AFB for TSgt Campbell. A memorial service was also held in Afghanistan on Dec. 18, 2009.

TSgt Campbell went into active duty in the Air Force after graduating from high school, then served with the Kentucky Air National Guard before becoming a member of the Air Force Reserve in 2008. As a civilian, he was a police officer in Cincinnati, Ohio. He leaves behind a wife and two children.

The funeral for TSgt "Tony" Campbell was held in his hometown, Florence, Ky., on Dec. 22, 2009, with burial at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery in Williamstown. Flags across the state were flown at half-staff on that day to honor his sacrifice.

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(courtesy photo)



During a memorial service on Dec. 18, 2009 for TSgt Anthony Campbell, members of his EOD team from the 380 ECES join together for a moment of remembrance. (photo by TSgt Charles Larkin, Sr.)

Airmen Remembered...



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The EOD Bravo Flight team from the 755 AEW joined together on January 24, 2010, to remember their fallen team member, TSgt Adam Ginett, following a memorial service in his honor. (U.S. Army photo by PFC David Hauk)

TSgt Adam K. Ginett

A final shot was detonated Feb. 1, 2010, at the end of a memorial service at Aviano AB, Italy to honor TSgt Adam K. Ginett, who died January 19 near Kandahar AF, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. He was deployed from the 31 CES explosive ordnance disposal flight at Aviano.

"Adam's passion for EOD fueled everyone around him, from reinstituting traditions to devising creative training opportunities to uniting the flight through hikes in the mountains and weekend dinners at obscure restaurants," Capt Emil L. Rebik, 31 EOD Flight commander said. "Our loss is incomparable to the family, but he is an irreplaceable friend and technician."

During the service at Aviano TSgt Ginett was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal First Oak Leaf Cluster with Valor, Bronze Star Medal Second Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Air Combat Action Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal.

A memorial service was also held for TSgt Ginett on January 24 by his deployed unit, the 755th Air Expeditionary Squadron.

TSgt Ginett grew up in Coates, N.C. and entered the Air Force in 1999. While stationed at Aviano, he managed the training section for the 31 EOD Flight, which was recognized by U.S. Air Forces in Europe as the 2009 Best Explosive Ordnance Flight in the command.

On January 25, at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., TSgt Ginett's family, along with base leadership and other EOD service members, witnessed the dignified transfer of his remains. Along the transport route to the base's main gate, Airmen lined the streets to salute and pay their respects to their fallen comrade.

The funeral service for TSgt Ginett was held on January 29, followed by burial in Raleigh, N.C.

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